

**MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, MARCH 5, 2008
GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

The Hamilton County Council met in a Special session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 in conference room 1A of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center. Those present included Councilors Rick McKinney, Brad Beaver, Jim Belden, John Hiatt, Steve Schwartz, Meredith Carter and Judy Levine, Tania Lopez, Indianapolis Star, Fred Swift, Commissioners Assistant, Lori Schwartz, Robin Mills, Auditor, Sheriff Carter and Chief Deputy Auditor, Dawn Coverdale. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss consistent legal representation of the Council. A committee of Brad Beaver, Jim Belden and Meredith Carter presented the following parameters for representation.

- Legal representation must be present whenever a quorum of the council meets with the exception of budget hearings and representation will only be required in the last two hours of the budget hearings.
- Jeannette Kassabaum will provide alternate representation in John Culp's absence and once a quarter.
- Any research completed by counsel that is billed outside the normal meeting fee, must include a report of the findings.
- Councilor Levine learned each State has federal aid money set aside and earmarks passed are subtracted from the federal aid money. Councilor Levine didn't realize it wasn't additional money.
- Councilor McKinney spoke with Senator Kenley regarding provision that the County Council will review budgets and learned the Council will have responsibility for a non binding review of all budgets. Council will have approval of the budgets submitted by a non elected board such as Libraries.
- Councilor Hiatt asked Sheriff Carter the status of the E911 legislation. Sheriff Carter has just learned the author of the bill, Senator Hershman, doesn't and will not meet with Sheriff Carter again. The bill is back alive, Senator Hershman will not agree to anymore than one PSAP per County unless it's in a University county and could care less about communities with populations of 80,000, such as Carmel who has a PSAP and they want to do all they can do to take authority away from Council. Senator Hershman has said if the bill doesn't get out of committee with Representative Crook, he will attach it to the property tax bill. Sheriff Carter has talked to members of the media outlets and told Executive Director of the ISA that he was prepared to send out news release. Sheriff Carter stated there is some merit to the bill but they can't touch proceeds, can't touch Council, as a statutory body of control and they can't tell us we can't have at least two PSAPS per county.

President McKinney called to order the Regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 7:02:24 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilors Meredith Carter, Steve Schwartz, Judy Levine, Rick McKinney, John Hiatt, Jim Belden and Brad Beaver. A quorum was declared by Auditor, Robin Mills.

Councilor Carter gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

7:03:28 Councilor Belden moved to approve minutes of January 17, 2008 joint meeting. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:03:39 Councilor Levine moved to approve minutes of February 6, 2008. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT 7:03:58

President: Councilor McKinney

- No report

Vice President: Councilor Levine

- Attended two meetings of CARE steering committee. Prevail has launched a one year study and will be applying for a grant to address the issue of rape prevention in juveniles.

Highway Committee: Councilor McKinney

Councilor Schwartz and McKinney had a brief meeting last week and discussed funding for some of the projects that were approved at the joint meeting held in January. Appropriation of monies for these projects will come up later on agenda.

Finance Committee: No Report

Personnel: Councilor Belden

- Committee did not meet but committee was polled on a couple items that will be discussed later on agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS 7:05:06

Councilor Hiatt attended the annual Soil and Water District meeting and they had the largest attendance in sometime, very good program.

Councilor McKinney learned today that Mark Mitter, Director Hamilton County Department of Child Services will be leaving the position.

Councilor Levine announced Senator David Ford passed away today after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Councilor Belden reported that he and Councilor McKinney took a tour this morning to see firsthand, the construction at the Corrections complex.

COMMISSIONER UPDATE 7:07:37 Fred Swift

- Announced bids were received on the demolition of the First Indiana Bank Building and should be awarded at the next Commissioners meeting.

UNFINISHED/TABLED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

7:08:25 Councilor Belden moved to approve vendor claims. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:08:59 Councilor Levine moved to approve Ordinance 03-05-08-A "An Ordinance of the Hamilton County Council Appropriating the Proceeds of the Hamilton County Public Building Corporation First Mortgage Lease Rental Bonds of 2008." Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:14:09 Councilor Levine moved to approve Ordinance 03-05-08.B "An Ordinance of the Hamilton County Council Establishing a Supplemental Fee for Jurors." Councilor Schwartz seconded motion.

Councilor Levine withdrew her motion, Councilor Schwartz withdrew second.

Councilor Belden moved to suspend rules and approve Ordinance 03-05-08.B on first reading. Councilor Levine seconded motion to suspend rules. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Levine moved to approve Ordinance 03-05-08.B. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:24:00 Councilor Schwartz moved to approve new mileage reimbursement of .5050 effective February 7, 2008. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:25:23 Mr. John Barbee gave a brief presentation of the construction progress at the Corrections Complex.

7:32:47 Councilor Beaver moved to approve Auditor transfer request of \$1,437 from 003.000.1024 Deduction Deputy to 003.000.1300 Part Time. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:33:14 Councilor Levine moved to approve Clerk 144 amendment to 009.000.1037 Orderbook Clerk as COMOT C at \$32,000 per year. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:33:29 Councilor Levine moved to approve \$3,870 Jail transfer of \$2,892 from 027.000.1087 Records Clerk/Support Services and \$978 from 027.000.1407 Overtime to 027.000.1067 Corrections Officer, Sergeant. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:33:46 Councilor Belden moved to approve Surveyor 144 Amendment to 044.000.1016 Project Engineer as EXE B at \$62,500. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:34:02 Councilor Belden moved to approve \$8,199 Superior Court 6 transfer of \$7,985 from 046.000.1003 Court Reporter, \$214 from 046.000.1300 Part time to 046.000.1004 Receptionist. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:34:19 Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Probation transfer of \$829 from 047.000.1407 Overtime to 047.000.1037 Probation Officer. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:34:35 Councilor Belden moved to approve Highway 144 Amendment to 102.000.000.1024 Mechanic as LTC K at \$38,274. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:35:27 Councilor Beaver moved to approve the following Highway additional appropriation requests:

\$200,000 in 102.000.000.4826 Olio Road Corridor Study
\$135,000 in 102.000.000.4827 Olio Road 96th Street to Geist
\$120,000 in 102.000.000.4948 Monon Bridge Over 146th Street
\$150,000 in 102.000.000.4953 146th Street / Herriman
Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:38:24 Councilor Hiatt moved to approve LEPC additional appropriation request of \$10,000 in 117.000.000.2004 Emergency Response. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:39:06 Councilor Belden moved to approve E911 transfer of \$31,608 from 119.000.000.3840 Bond/Lease Payment to 119.000.000.4009 Emergency Communication Equipment. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:39:27 Councilor Levine moved to approve Thomson TIF Capital Fund additional appropriation request of \$225,000 in 204.002.000.4080 Master Plan. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:40:56 Councilor Carter moved to approve the following Highway COIT additional appropriation requests:

\$125,000 in 283.000.000.4420 206th Street / Overdorf Road Intersection
\$750,000 in 283.000.000.4940 106th Street / Ditch Road Intersection
\$ 88,000 in 283.000.000.4950 96th Street / Cumberland Road
\$175,000 in 283.000.000.4951 104th Street / Olio Road
\$200,000 in 283.000.000.4952 136th Street / Prairie Baptist Road Intersection
\$ 50,000 in 283.000.000.4954 146th Street / Herriman Blvd
\$661,000 in 283.000.000.4955 96th Street / Mollenkopf & Fall Creek Intersection
\$ 50,000 in 283.000.000.4956 131st Street / Allisonville Road
\$278,000 in 283.000.000.4957 236th Street: Deming To Cicero
Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:44:12 Councilor Levine moved to approve Probation User Fund additional appropriation request of \$10,073 in 316.000.000.1017 PO, Eric Elliott; \$100,000 in 316.000.000.3713 Other Contractual and \$112,218 in 316.000.000.3851 Supplement to County General. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Levine moved to approve Probation User Fund 144 amendment of 316.000.000.1017 Probation Officer Adult at \$52,265 as PO. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:48:30 Councilor Belden moved to approve CARE additional appropriation request of \$19,501 in 325.317.000.1002 Radican; \$5,000 in 325.317.000.1407 Overtime and \$14,465 in 325.317.000.3713 Other Contractual. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:49:18 Councilor Beaver moved to approve Homestead Credit Rebate additional appropriation request of \$41,000 in Contractual. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:50:20 Councilor Levine moved to approve Park Non Reverting additional appropriation request of \$40,000 in 354.000.000.3713 Contractual Services. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:52:55 Councilor Belden moved to approve Juvenile Detention additional appropriation request of \$50,000 in 356.000.000.3713 Contractual. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:56:31 Councilor Belden moved to approve Surveyor Cornerstone Perpetuation Fund additional appropriation request of \$14,052 in 372.000.000.1001 Section Corner Tech; \$1,904 in 372.000.000.1401 Social Security; \$18,838 in 372.000.000.1402 Health Insurance

and \$3,759 in 372.000.000.1403 Retirement. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:57:29 Councilor Levine moved to approve Storm Water Phase II additional appropriation request of \$19,229 in 384.000.000.3603 Training. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

SHERIFF COMMENTS 7:58:10

- Successful meetings have been held with Riverview Hospital funding.
- For your information, we currently have an inmate at the Jail who has incurred somewhere between \$100,000 to \$110,000 of medical care that will require additional appropriation in April because these bills will deplete the current appropriation.
- SB 359 became HB 1204, will be leaving this evening to go downtown to see what happened today and will send an email letting everyone know current status.

AUDITOR’S COMMENTS

- Announced units have been alerted that because of the legislative session and not receiving rates there is no way a May 10 deadline can be met, worse case scenario is August due date.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS None

ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS: None

8:07:02 Councilor Levine moved to adjourn, Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Those present:

Ollie Schierholz, Court Adm
Al Patterson, Parks
Brad Davis, Highway
Tania Lopez, Indy Star
Dan Stevens, HCSD
Christopher Brown, Visitor
Rob Borders, Daily Times
Dawn Coverdale, Auditor Office

John Barbee, Envoy Inc.
BJ Casali, ISS
Fred Swift, Commissioners
Peggy Beaver, Clerk
Julie Hamilton, IUPUI Grad Student
Thurl Cecil, Coroner
Doug Carter, Sheriff

President

Auditor